

## A Church Trust

The city of Toledo leads off in this twentieth century movement of the churches. It seems that they intend to be as wise in their generation as the children of the world, and organize, in this day of trusts, a Gospel trust, having for its object "to concentrate force, economize effort, and afford a solid front against municipal, public, and private evil." That would seem to be the whole job. There are many who believe that this century will witness the federation of the churches for the purposes above set forth, and even the most extreme conservatism, which prefers some meaningless shibboleth to the triumph of righteousness and the salvation of the world, ought, it seems to us, to approve of those methods which multiply the efficiency of the church, and which will assure to Christianity a more speedy and more complete victory over the insolent powers and principalities of evil.

## Unique Reform Legislation

Last April the Senate of Arkansas passed, 14 to 1, a bill making it unlawful for any person to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage unless he shall have first obtained a license as a dram drinker. The license fee is fixed at \$5.00 per annum, and the penalty is \$15.00 fine or 30 days' imprisonment. This is decidedly unique legislation and if we mistake not will put a severe damper on the drinking business. The habitual drinker is so lost to all sense of self respect that he will not hesitate to announce himself as a candidate for liquor drinking, but how about the man who is just beginning the habit. Imagine a respectable young man advertising thru the papers that he is a candidate for beer drinking. As well advertise and pay a fee as a candidate for the insane asylum or the gallows. The law requires that the person desiring a license to drink intoxicating liquors must announce, thru the papers, his name, address and age, in at least two successive issues. If the State of Arkansas has left any respectable young men and this law is enforced, it will certainly save a few of them. Three cheers for Arkansas. Some States with higher claims to civilization and morality may learn a very practical lesson from plucky Arkansas.

## Will Return to His Field of Labor

Altho now 76 years old, the Rev. Dr. J. G. Paton, the famous missionary to the New Hebrides Islands, is about to return to his field of labor after a visit to this country and England. Thirty-two of the islands are occupied by the missionaries, and there are 180,000 converts, with 300 native teachers and preachers. The Bible has been translated into 22 languages for the benefit of these converted cannibals. Dr. Paton is very anxious that the New Hebrides should be taken under British rule. The work done in these islands in the conversion of the heathen is a living testimony to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible has proven itself a book for all nations, tribes and languages, and there is not a people on the face of the earth for which this blessed book does not have a living message, a message which if accepted will bring salvation to their souls. It is the business of the church to deliver this message; God will do the rest.

## Popular Applause

When you have it, what is it? It is difficult for any one to assign to it any element of substantiality, or to accord it any estimate of solid worth, nevertheless what a scramble there is among men of all professions for this loud mouthed offering of dearly beloved incense. To be singled out among our fellows for public praise, to hear men say, he is great or eloquent; to hear hand clapping, throat bawling and feet stamping; to see the crowd throng around you showering congratulations, to have men bow low on either side as your august person passes by,—ah, vanity, silken are thy snares, and a hollow mockery is all thine oblation. If you would be wise value the discreet approval of a friend, but hanker not after the running together of the multitude. It is a capricious and dangerous animal, that applauding multitude. One day it shouted, "Hosannas to the Son of David," and the next day it crucified him. Applause will die out but the envy and jealousy which it awakes live. The preacher who wins popular applause may well stop to inquire whether in that case *vox populi* is *vox dei*. Doubtless it is not. Doubtless it marks the moment when you ceased to exalt Christ, and began to exalt yourself. Whom God approves the world is far more apt to disapprove than praise.

## A Rather Slow Gait

A statistician has discovered that the average business walk in New York is a mile in 20 minutes, and the church going walk a mile in 25 minutes. The fastest walk is that of the homeward-bound Brooklynites, a mile in 18 minutes. Going to his place of business the average man makes a mile in five minutes less than going to church. In gathering these statistics our expert in figures evidently did not take into account the home-walk of the average church goer, if he had the number of minutes required to make a mile would have been considerably reduced. It may take a New Yorker 25 minutes to make a mile on his way to church, but on his way home he makes a mile in at least half that number of minutes, especially so if he is a business man or a pleasure seeker and the sermon happens to be more than 30 minutes in length. Watch his homeward gait! Would it be safe to draw the conclusion that business activity is to church activity as 25 is to 20?

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